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**507TH ARW ANNUAL AWARD
WINNERS ANNOUNCED**

**507TH OSS COMMANDER
TAKES FINAL FLIGHT**



COVER A FINAL FLIGHT

Katie Ihrig, wife of Lt. Col. Paul Ihrig, 507th Operations Support Squadron commander, marshals in a KC-135R Stratotanker flown by her husband during his final flight before retirement at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., March 1, 2018.

Cover photo by Master Sgt. Grady Epperly

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2017 ANNUAL AWARD WINNERS

Photos by Tech. Sgt. Samantha Mathison

507th ARW Spouse of the Year:
Mrs. Jennifer Smith
Spouse of Master Sgt. David Smith,
507th Security Forces Squadron



507th ARW Civilian of the Year:
Mrs. Lauren Gleason
507th ARW Public Affairs



507th ARW Airman of the Year:
Senior Airman Garrett Guttman
507th Civil Engineer Squadron



507th ARW NCO of the Year:
Staff Sgt. Casey Cottrell
507th Logistics Readiness Squadron



Congratulations!

507th ARW SNCO of the Year:
Master Sgt. Ricky Buettner
507th Security Forces Squadron



507th ARW 1st Sgt. of the Year:
Senior Master Sgt. Ronald Pyles
507th Force Support Squadron



507th ARW CGO of the Year:
2nd Lt. Ryan Cheney
507th Security Forces Squadron



2017 507th Air Refueling Wing
ANNUAL AWARD WINNERS

UNIT AWARD WINNERS

507th ARW Wing Staff 2017 Honey Badger Trophy

Tech. Sgt. Ryan Barnes, 507th ARW Command Post



507th Medical Squadron Combat 2017 Medic of the Year

Staff Sgt. Matthew Loar, 507th Medical Squadron

507th Operations Group 2017 Okie MVP

Mrs. Trina Walter, 507th Operations Group

507th Force Support Squadron 2017 Summit Award

Tech. Sgt. Amanda Baty, 507th Force Support Squadron

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507th Security Forces Squadron 2017 Defender of the Year

Master Sgt. Hector Flores, 507th Security Forces Squadron

507th Logistics Readiness Squadron 2017 Logistics Professional of the Year

Mr. James Steinmann, 507th Logistics Readiness Squadron

507th Civil Engineer Squadron 2017 Civil Engineer of the Year

Tech. Sgt. Jeremiah Terry, 507th Civil Engineer Squadron

72nd Aerial Port Squadron 2017 Port Dawg of the Year

Senior Master Sgt. Demetrious Sumlin, 72nd Aerial Port Squadron

The 507th ARW 2017 Maintenance Professionals of the Year

Airman Tier: Staff Sgt. Kaycee Graham, 507th Maintenance Squadron

NCO Tier: Master Sgt. Daniel Pierce, 507th Maintenance Squadron

Senior NCO Tier: Senior Master Sgt. Harold Strawderman, 507th Maintenance Squadron

2017 Tech. Sgt. Billy Hughes Memorial Award

Master Sgt. Matthew Pearsall, 507th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron

RIO Connect App now available to all Reserve Citizen Airmen

Story by Senior Master Sgt. Timm Huffman

The latest release of the RIO Connect Individual Mobilization Augmentee Mobile Wingman application now enables Reserve Citizen Airmen to access common access card-secured sites from their mobile devices when paired with a mobile CAC reader and associated software.

RIO Connect, first launched in February 2017 exclusively for IMAs, offers Individual Reservists a mobile-friendly way to access the information they need to manage their careers. Now, with mobile CAC functionality, reservists have the option to use the app to access additional resources like official webmail and human resource-related websites.

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MARCH UTA MARCH 2-4
(MARCH 2 WILL BE ANNUAL TOUR)

ATSO EVENT

507TH OG ASSUMPTION OF COMMAND - MARCH 4
@1000 IN THE 465TH AUDITORIUM

465TH ARS ASSUMPTION OF COMMAND IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING

APRIL "SUPER UTA" APR. 5-8

CIV OF QTR DUE - APR. 15

MAY UTA MAY 5-6

JUNE UTA JUNE 2-3

JULY UTA JULY 14-15 (if needed)

CIV OF QTR DUE - JULY 15

AUGUST UTA AUG. 4-5

SEPTEMBER UTA SEP. 8-9

OCTOBER UTA OCT. 6-7

Do you have an event to add?

Contact us at 507arw.pa2@us.af.mil

New Air Force PII methods

Story by Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs Office

Air Force officials announced emails containing personally identifiable information, and similar numeric constructs, will be blocked from transmission unless the email is encrypted. For members unable to send or receive encrypted emails, members will be directed to utilize the AMRDEC SAFE application.

This is not a change in policy, but a new method to halt PII breaches via email. PII is information about an individual that identifies, links, relates, or is unique to, or describes a member. For example – social security numbers (full or partial), age, marital status, etc.

“The Air Force depends on reliable, secure communications to operate,” said Under Secretary of the Air Force Matthew Donovan. “Ensuring

confidentiality of every Airman’s personal information is part and parcel for maintaining operational security.”

User will be notified via a dialogue pop-up box or email response and provided with the option to either remove PII content, encrypt or send via AMRDEC SAFE. There are no user accounts for AMRDEC SAFE and authentication is handled via email and password. Everyone has access to AMRDEC SAFE.

If users send an email that contains a series of numbers that resemble PII information, the system will block the email transmittal. In order for the email to transmit, the user will need to treat the email as if it does contain PII by encrypting the email or using AMRDEC SAFE. Feedback to the Help Desk in these instances will aid in changing the blocking tool “sniffers” to differentiate non-PII data in the future.

AMRDEC SAFE can be accessed through the following website: <https://safe.amrdec.army.mil/safe/Guide.aspx>

For more information, please contact the PII Program Lead at (571) 256-2515 or DSN: 260-2515.

[CLICK HERE](#) to read the full story.

How to send
personally identifiable
information
(PII)



OPTION
1



ENCRYPT
and you're good to go!

OPTION
2



AMRDEC SAFE!
it's convenient
and everyone has access!

OPTION
3



**OR...
BE BLOCKED!**
make sure your message
gets there...
It's all about PII Security!

A CLOSER

LOOK

Maj. Melissa Jones

507TH MAINTENANCE SQUADRON COMMANDER

WHAT IS A LITTLE KNOWN FACT ABOUT YOU?

I went to a primarily male military college in the deep south, The Citadel. There were only 13 women in my graduating class of approximately 350 students.

WHAT DO YOU DO FOR FUN?

My most fun times are nights at home with my husband, wrestling with my kids, having dance parties....creating happy times.

AS A KID, WHAT WAS YOUR DREAM JOB?

In elementary school I wanted to be an orthopedic surgeon, but in college I KNEW I wanted to be a maintenance officer.

WHAT IS YOUR CAREER GOAL?

To reverse the ART uniform requirement, and to be better than I was and to leave places better than I found them.

WHAT IS THE BEST PART OF YOUR JOB?

My favorite part is all the outstanding human beings that we have in this unit and across the Air Force.

WHAT IS YOUR BIGGEST PET PEEVE?

Gossip. Perceptions are the truth and gossip destroys the perceptions of good people.

Maj. Melissa Jones stands for a photo Jan. 12, 2018, at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla. (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Samantha Mathison)



PRINCIPLES OF LEADERSHIP

by Maj. Rick Martin
507th Security Forces Squadron commander

First off, I want to thank every single Okie here for allowing me the opportunity to be a part of this tremendous wing, even more so, this family. In my 18 months here, the resilience, work ethic and enthusiasm of this wing has blown me away. I honestly would go anywhere, any day with this team and know with utmost confidence that we'd handle our business.

When asked to contribute a leadership commentary this month, I was pretty excited because discussing leadership philosophies is a passion of mine. Over the years, as many of us do, we learn from some of our best examples of leaders and unfortunately some of the worst. That being said, we should never stop growing and adapting our styles and adding tools to our tool belts.

While I subscribe to many different principles on leadership, and I have learned so many lessons over the years, I'd like to impress upon you the one I feel most strongly about. That is, establishing a healthy climate and environment for your team.

I believe the biggest way to achieve this is through mutual trust and respect up and down the chain of command. Create a professional environment where people feel trusted and valued. Demand mutual respect for one another irrespective of race, religion, gender, or sexual orientation, and tolerate nothing short of that.

If a healthy climate and environment aren't established, your team will allow infections to rot away unit morale and cohesiveness that will ultimately impact the unit's overall effectiveness and ability to execute the mission.

Lastly, with respect to

establishing a healthy climate and environment, it's important for leaders to set the tone. This can be done by exuding a positive energy and being a steady leader. I believe your people should rarely see you upset.

Achieving this is done through setting clear expectations and sharing your personal landmines. If your people do not know what is expected of them and they have to guess on what your reaction will be on most things, it will create an environment where people are uncomfortable in making decisions and potentially nervous in bringing important concerns up to their leaders.

We've all had stories throughout our careers of supervisors or commanders who made you feel like you're walking on eggshells. This feeling negates unit morale and creates a level of mistrust amongst your team, which then impacts the unit's ability to execute the mission effectively.

I cannot stress enough how important it is as a leader to create a healthy climate and environment. Remember, mutual trust and respect are key, and that you ultimately set the tone! Bring that positive energy, and lay out clear expectations for your team. Be a steady leader for your people and set the example. Trust and respect your Airmen. You'll be amazed at what they will accomplish!

We have great examples of this style of leadership from the wing level down through to the squadrons. Recently at our annual awards banquet we got to recognize some of our great examples. I was extremely impressed and surprised with all the accomplishments from our Okie family.



(Courtesy graphic)

March PROMOTIONS



SENIOR MASTER SERGEANT

BOB BEGAY, 513 MXS
ZACHARY WALKER, 72 APS
MARCUS BENTLEY, 507 MXS



TECHNICAL SERGEANT

TIMOTHY HARDY, 507 AMXS
MICHAEL FEWELL, 507 MXS



STAFF SERGEANT

SIR WALTER LYNN, 72 APS
AMBER ARTIS, 507 MDS
NICKOLAS PAINTER, 507 MDS
MATTHEW KESSLER, 513 MXS
TAMI GORTON, 72 APS



SENIOR AIRMAN

MELODY COLLINS, 507 MDS
MICHAEL WESTEN, 507 CES
BRIAN REED, 507 CES

COMMANDER'S CALL RECOGNITION

Photos by Tech. Sgt. Lauren Gleason



CGO of the Quarter:
2nd Lt. Ryan Cheney
507th Security Forces Squadron

Airman of the Quarter:
Senior Airman Ilya Kofanov
507th Maintenance Squadron



1st Sgt.'s Diamond Sharp Award:
Senior Airman Andrew Birney
507th Civil Engineer Squadron



507th OSS commander takes **FINAL FLIGHT**

Photos by Master Sgt. Grady Epperly

Lt. Col. Paul Ihrig, 507th Operations Support Squadron commander, returns from his final flight with the 507th Air Refueling Wing at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., March 1, 2018.

Ihrig served in the Air Force for 20 years as a KC-135R Stratotanker pilot and is slated to retire March 5, 2018.

Thank you for your service!



JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS

WING INSPECTION TEAM MEMBER

The 507th Air Refueling Wing Inspection Team is looking for a subject matter expert whose skills, talents and abilities may serve to improve the commander's inspection program.

The 507th ARW WIT is comprised of over 50 subject matter experts who inspect on behalf of the Wing Commander.

The 507th ARW Inspector General Inspections office needs WIT to conduct inspections, providing their technical knowledge and know-how to accomplish more accurate inspection results.

If you are the best of the best and want to make a difference, talk to your commander about joining the Wing Inspection Team and making the 507th Air Refueling Wing stronger. Not only will you be making a difference within your wing, you will also have opportunities to continue learning about the bigger picture of our wing's mission.

If you have any questions, call the IGI office at 734-4259.



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The 507th Air Refueling Wing Public Affairs office is looking for a broadcast journalist.

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- Interview required
- Normal color vision

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TRUE DEDICATION

MASTER SGT. STEVE SWITZER, 465TH AIR REFUELING SQUADRON BOOM OPERATOR, *RETIRES* AFTER 30 YEARS IN THE AIR FORCE. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE.**



Master Sgt. Steve Switzer, 465th Air Refueling Squadron boom operator, accepts a Meritorious Service Medal from Lt. Col. Paul Ihrig, 507th Operations Support Squadron commander, during his retirement ceremony Feb. 3, 2018, at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla. Switzer served in the Air Force for 30 years. (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Samantha Mathison)



Master Sgt. Steve Switzer, 465th Air Refueling Squadron boom operator, stands at attention during his retirement ceremony Feb. 3, 2018, at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., after 30 years of service. (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Samantha Mathison)



A plaque made for Master Sgt. Steve Switzer, 465th Air Refueling Squadron boom operator, sits on a table awaiting presentation during his retirement ceremony Feb. 3, 2018, at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla. (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Samantha Mathison)

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Ch. (Lt. Col.) Dwight Magnus, 507th Air Refueling Wing Chaplain, leads an invocation May 15, 2016. (U.S. Air Force photo/Tech. Sgt. Lauren Gleason)

UTA Weekends

Protestant Service:

**Sunday @ 0730 Bldg. 1056
(970 AACS Auditorium)**

Catholic Mass:

**Sunday @ 0730 Bldg. 1059
(465 ARS Briefing Room)**

Contact the 507th ARW Chapel Staff at 734-1912. The office is located in Bldg. 1043, Rm. 4



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Saturday	1700
Sunday	0900

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Saturday	1530-1630 (or by appt)
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WEEKLY RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Monday	1900 (Retreat in Daily Life)
Thursday	1300 (Ladies Rosary Guild)
Friday	0930 (CWOC, first Friday)
Sunday	1000 (Pre-baptism, last Sunday)
Sunday	1030 (Pre-K-12th Class)

PROTESTANT SPIRITUAL FITNESS

SUNDAY

Sunday School	0930
Worship Service	1100
Wee Church	0930/1100 (6 mo-3yrs)
Children's Church	1100 (4 yrs-11 yrs)

WEDNESDAY

Community Dinner	1800 (Sep-May)
Men's Bible Study	1900
Women's Bible Study	1900
Youth of the Chapel	1900 (6-12 grade)
Children of the Chapel	1900 (4yrs-11yrs)
Wee Church	1900 (6 mo-3yrs)

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A 507th Air Refueling Wing KC-135R Stratotanker awaits maintenance in an aircraft hangar at Tinker Air Force Base, Okla., March 1, 2018. (U.S. Air Force photo/Master Sgt. Grady Epperly)